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(U) Classified by DCM Robert Deutsch. Reasons: 1.5(b) & (d).

(S/NF) From the U.S. point of view, we have no difficulty designating IBDA-C, based on activities several years old with the leadership still in Turkish jails but with a loose group of supporters with questionable capabilities at large. If we proceed to designate IBDA-C, there may also be grounds to consider designating Turkish Hizbullah. However, we also note the following: First, Post does not have, and considers it unlikely that it can obtain, any documentary information establishing that IBDA-C was responsible for the Istanbul bombings of 20 November. Second, IBDA-C's claimed responsibility for the bombings is simply not credible at this point in the investigation. Third, the GOT may find a great deal of irony in the EU's designation of IBDA-C, given the EU's failure to designate KADEK and the various other aliases of PKK, which GOT (rightfully) considers a far more dangerous organization.
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